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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

Introduced by: Senators Schoenbeck and Abdallah

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the state's congressional delegation to support
2 a change to the federal tax code to allow contributors to not-for-profit organizations to
3 designate the specific individual in need of medical care assistance.

4 WHEREAS, there are rising medical costs, rising health insurance costs, and a rising
5 number of individuals in need of medical assistance who have insufficient or no health
6 insurance; and

7 WHEREAS, many of those in need of medical assistance are not only experiencing
8 difficulty with their health, but also must face the financial hardship which in itself can cause
9 a delay in the healing process; and

10 WHEREAS, there exists many not-for-profit organizations that are qualified and are
11 presently working with these hardships and are witnessing this tremendous need to help those
12 in need of medical assistance; and

13 WHEREAS, there are private benefits being held for those in need of medical assistance and
14 these benefits often have no qualified organization to professionally administer the benefit,
15 ensure the delivery of the money to the correct person, or stop the chance of fraud; and

16 WHEREAS, the current tax code prohibits pass-through contributions to not-for-profit



1 organizations where the contributor designates the suffering person to which the contribution
2 should go; and

3 WHEREAS, contributions would increase to not-for-profit organizations if contributors
4 could choose the recipient and know where their money is going; and

5 WHEREAS, this would open the door for uncontrolled private benefits to be administered
6 through qualified not-for-profit organizations; and

7 WHEREAS, donations would increase since private benefit contributions are not tax
8 deductible; and

9 WHEREAS, the increased donations would help reduce the hardship of recipients and would
10 help reduce the debts of recipients to hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, and other care giving
11 establishments:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-ninth Legislature
13 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South
14 Dakota Legislature requests the state's congressional delegation to support a change to the
15 federal tax code that would allow contributors to not-for-profit organizations, which provide
16 medical assistance, to designate the person that should receive the medical assistance.